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STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE
INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 7 November 1950

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. James Q. Reber, Central Intelligence Agency, Chairman
Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Mr. John F. Kullgren, Department of the Army, acting for
Colonel Hamilton Howze
Captain John M. Ocker, USN, Department of the Navy
Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, Atomic Energy Commission
Captain R. G. McCool, USN, The Joint Staff
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, Department of Justice

Present by Invitation

Mr. Philip E. Barringer, Office of the Secretary of Defense
Captain R. E. Lockwood, Munitions Board Staff
Mr. Charles S. Weaver, Research and Development Board Staff, acting
for Dr. S. D. Cornell

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. S. Everett Gleason, Deputy Executive Secretary, National
Security Council
Mr. Carroll S. Hinman, National Security Resources Board Staff
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Mr. Henry Brodie, Department of State
Commander W. J. Bettens, Department of the Navy
Mr. Arthur L. Canfield, Department of the Air Force
Mr. Wallace Steen McCall, Department of the Air Force

Acting Secretary

Central Intelligence Agency

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Economic Intelligence Requirements (Reference - "Foreign Economic Intelligence Requirements Relating to the National Security," dated 11 October 1950, prepared by CIA in pursuance of NSC directive).

1. Action:

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a. Agreed to submit comments on the requirements paper to CIA, by 20 November 1950, as follows:

(1) Comments submitted will be informal, that is, they will be those of the agency representative rather than an approved agency position;

(2) Each representative will examine TABS B through E from the point of view of the particular needs of his own agency to determine whether the statements contained therein are valid and sufficiently comprehensive;

(3) Based on this determination each representative will submit suggestions for amplification, addition, or deletion, in the form either of amendments to existing annexes or of additional annexes;

(4) Each representative will return a copy of the requirements paper in which those items (sub-topics) in TABS B through E of primary importance to his agency have been marked with an asterisk, those of secondary importance are marked with two asterisks, and those of no importance are left unmarked; where area considerations enter into the selection of items of primary or secondary interest, qualifying notes may be furnished;

(5) If any representative wishes to make suggestions dealing with the paper proper (less tabs), he may, but such suggestions should be given secondary priority and should be kept distinct from the other comments submitted;

(6) No comments are required to be made regarding TAB A.

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b. CIA assumed the following responsibilities:

(1) In considering economic intelligence requirements, CIA will study and report upon the question of priorities to determine what treatment it is practicable and useful to give this question in connection with the present overall planning project;

(2) CIA will also study, consulting appropriate agencies, the problem of determining whether the requirements paper adequately covers the needs of such special agencies as may be established in time of full-scale war.

2. Discussion:

a. It was explained that the requirements paper was only a tool to be used in planning for the improvement of the economic intelligence machinery. There was no thought of sending the paper to the field or of any use of it at all other than to facilitate planning.

b. All were reminded that representatives should view the requirements paper from the angle of consumer need for the end products of intelligence, as well as from other possible angles such as that of an organization actually producing intelligence within the scope of the paper, or that of a producing organization requiring intelligence produced elsewhere as background for its own work. Agency needs were desired whether or not the particular agency maintained an intelligence organization, and consumer needs for intelligence support should be stated even if, until now, such needs have been unrecognized and unfulfilled.

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